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April 7, 1876.

My Mother-in-Law.

I married a woman of sweetness and truth,
And beauty without any flaw;
But over my head hung, like Damocles' sword,
That horror, a mother-in-law!

So upright and downright in person and looks
She embodied the dismal old saw
Of a scolding and pushing and worrying and
bothering
Old bore of a mother-in-law.

She decided to live with us. Chaos and
wreck
Would be the result, I foresaw;
So I gave my cigars and my meerscham,
To a friend with no mother-in-law.

One night as we sat by a blazing wood fire,
When the days had grown chilly and raw,
"How cozy and nice you would look with a
pipe!"
"Don't you smoke?" said my mother-in-law.

Did my ears hear aright? Yes, bless her
dear heart.
"Don't you smoke?" was the first happy
straw
To "show how the wind blew," and clear up
the clouds
T'wixt me and my mother-in-law.

And, oh, she's the kindest and dearest and
best
Old darling that ever I saw!
My mother I love, and my wife I adore,
But I worship my mother-in-law.

CELEBRATION ON LITTLE COLORADO.

SUNSET CROSSING, LITTLE COLORADO, YAVAPAI COUNTY, JULY 6, 1876.

EDITOR MINER:—The day of the Centennial Anniversary of the United States has passed, though not without a due observance of the same by our little colony at Sunset. As far as it was in our power, appropriate arrangements were made for a good old-fashioned celebration, and our programme was carried out to the very letter. The day was beautiful, and the Liberty Pole erected the day before seemed to bow to the breeze in pride, with the emblem of American Liberty gracefully unfurling its broad stripes and bright stars from its slender point many feet above the ground. With a desire that our friends at Prescott and other places in the Territory may know how we celebrated the day, the following programme will show:

Programme of the Centennial Celebration of the American Independence, at Sunset Crossing, Little Colorado, A. T., July 4th, 1876.

President and Orator of the Day—Gen'l Lot Smith.
Vice President—John Strook.
Chaplain—James Welsh.

Committee of Arrangements—Daniel Davis, Wm. Hayes, Henry Hobbs.
At day-light a salute of Thirteen guns was fired by the "Minute Men," under Capt. Ewd. Jones. At Sunrise the American flag was unfurled to the breeze. At 9 o'clock the exercises were commenced, as follows:

"Star Spangled Banner"—by the Sunset Band.

Opening prayer—by James Welsh.

Oration—by Gen'l Lot Smith.

Music—"Hail Columbia"—by the Band.

Reading the Declaration of Independence—by Daniel Davis.

Song—"Rally Round the Flag"—by Wm. Hayes.

Music—"Sunset Quickstep"—by the Band.

Recitation—"Liberty"—by Alfred M. Derrick.

Historical Address—by Jas. T. Woods.

Music—"Herdman's Echo"—by Woods and Band.

Song—"This New Land of Ours"—by Mrs. Jas. T. Woods.

Recitation—"Revolutionary Alarm"—by Isaac Call.

Song—"The Flag of the Free"—by Daniel Davis.

Song—"Off to Arizona" (original)—by H. Hobbs.

Music—"Way Up"—by Woods and Band.

Duet—"The Orphan"—by Mrs. Barlow and Mrs. Call.

Recitation—"Shamus O'Brien"—By Wm. Hayes.

Song—"Arizona Mission" (original)—by Peter Wood.

Song—"Larboard Watch"—by A. M. Derrick, W. B. Hardy, H. Brewer.

Song—"Thou hast learned to love another"—by Mrs. Handon Rich.

Song—"All hail, my Sabbath-school mates"—by Miss Annie Woods.

Music—"Yankee Doodle"—by the Band.

Benediction—by Chaplain Welsh.

Nothing transpired to mar the pleasure of the day in the least; all seemed to enjoy themselves hugely. The oration, by Gen'l Lot Smith, was decidedly a success; beautifully interwoven with quotations from Sacred history. The singing of little Annie Woods is well worthy of mention; in fact, I may say all acquitted themselves splendidly, especially in the light fantastic toe seemed to have received new life for this special occasion.

DANIEL DAVIS.

A Lake, about four miles wide and seven or eight long, has been discovered by the Messrs. Casner, about nine miles north of a place on the Prescott and Santa Fe mail route called Pine Springs. Mr. Chas. Carpenter and son have also been to the Lake, and gave a description of it to the mail rider who runs East from Verde, and he told John Rarick and John Rarick told us and we tell the reader that on one side of the Lake the water is very deep and bounded by high rocky bluffs and on the other the banks are sloping, and a valley runs back from one and a-half to two miles, covered with the very best quality of grass, making a first-class stock range. The country about the Lake abounds in game of various kinds, and the waters contain excellent fish in considerable quantity.

THE CELEBRATION AT WALNUT CREEK

WALNUT CREEK, July 5th, 1876.

EDITOR MINER:—In pursuance of arrangements made, the citizens of Walnut Creek celebrated the One-Hundredth Anniversary of the Independence of the United States, by a barbecue in the day, and a ball at night. The barbecue was held in a grove of walnut trees near the residence of Dr. Epperly, and at night the Doctor threw open his house to all those who liked the exercise of dancing. Dancing continued till the rising of Old Sol on the 5th, (to-day), without intermission. There were about 100 persons present, and the dinner was ample for all, not only during the day, but was sufficient for ball-supper and breakfast next morning. The table during the day was loaded with as fine a variety of pastry and good things as may be seen at any ball supper, and was prepared by the following named ladies of Walnut Creek, who deserve and received the thanks of all present: Mrs. Epperly, Mrs. Blackburn, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Goodman, and Mrs. Carter. The meats were donated by Messrs. Harris, Kite, and Epperly, and better cooked and prepared meats were never put upon a table. Dr. Epperly being an experienced hand in the business, superintended the barbecuing, which was done by the quarter; two quarters of which were left untouched after all had eaten and gone home on the 5th.

The Ball was just one of the nicest little affairs that it has ever been my lot to enjoy. The music was furnished by Messrs. Smith and Stevens of Oakes and Willows, and consisted of first and second fiddles with guitar, and was decidedly good. The people of Walnut Creek vote them thanks.

The following was the programme of Exercises of the day:

Opening Address—by Wm. McKenney, Marshal of the day.

Reading the Declaration of Independence—by Chas. Blackburn.

Song—National Hymn—by all present.

Oration—by Wm. Wilks.

Song—"Red, White, and Blue."

Everything passed off pleasantly during the whole day, and will be long remembered by those present with pleasure. The Oration, though short, was pronounced good, a copy of which accompanies this communication. I will here state that the whole affair was gotten up by donations from the people of Walnut Creek, and was free to all.

Respectfully yours, OBSERVER.

The Oration of Judge Wilks, which we have had much pleasure in reading in manuscript, is well worthy a place in our columns, and it would be a great pleasure to us to lay it before our readers entire, but under existing circumstances we are obliged, for want of room, to be content with the following extract, which we regard as especially orthodox, and, as the preachers say, "good for doctrine."

"What has produced this unexampled prosperity, unparalleled in the history of the world? The answer must be found in the fact that within the jurisdiction of this Government perfect freedom of political and religious opinion exists, in fact as well as in name. No religion is here established whose Priests are paid from the public exchequer. Each and every one worships God according to the dictates of his own conscience, and remunerates his preacher as he feels inclined, or finds himself able. Our forefathers were driven to these shores by the intolerance of the Church, and have thus planted religious freedom so deeply in the Constitution that it will stand there as long as the English language is spoken on the earth. This is one of the great causes of the prosperity of our country. It is a great principle in itself, and I may say it is purely a principle of our own beloved land and country, a principle born, bred and reared here. This principle has brought to our shores large numbers of the hardy sons of toil from the Old World to the injury of Europe, and to our own great and lasting benefit. Truly is this land the land of the free."

The speaker then reviewed the condition of free Mexico to-day, as compared with a few years ago when in bondage to the Church. The freedom of the Press in this country was also given its proper weight in adding to the general prosperity. Equality of all men before the law, was dwelt upon and commended as another purely American doctrine. But we cannot pursue this review further at present.

HE VALUED HIS MACHINE HIGHER THAN HIS TITLE.—The late Baron Palm, of New York, when he came to this country brought with him a patent machine for pressing bricks, which he valued more highly than he did his patent of nobility. But before he became known as a brick-maker he was much sought after by the leaders of fashion on the score of his being a real Austrian baron. The high priest of the Theosophists, Col. Olcott, in his address over the remains of his departed friend and disciple, said that his ancestors had been barons for a thousand years, but Baron Palm, did not pride himself so much upon his descent from so long a line of ruffians and robbers, as he did upon his mechanical invention, which he flattered himself, would be a better recommendation in our Republican society. But he was soon disillusioned. He had been introduced to a lady who treated him with extreme deference and politeness until he innocently began to discourse upon the merits of his patent machine, when she said to him, with an expression of scorn and contempt: "Why I thought you were a nobleman, but I find you are only a brick-maker." "Just as it," said the baron, "a man cannot be a nobleman if he makes himself useful to his fellow beings."

John Q. Page, of Upper Verde was in town on Wednesday and took out be his enough to make the hills musical.

Letter From Verde

CAMP VERDE, A. T., July 9th, 1876.

EDITOR MINER:—This vicinity has been visited by a number of heavy rainstorms during the past week.

The chief topic of conversation here is politics. The nomination of Governor Hayes of Ohio, to the Presidency, does not appear to have given universal satisfaction; the majority of our Republican voters favoring Blaine.

The July bugs of despondency are flying around tickling our ears, without asking permission.

George Hance is rusticated in Prescott. The happiest portion of our community from now until August will be for the school children.

The representatives of Verde at Prescott, during the Fourth, were Mr. Miller, Jos. Marr, George Hance and W. T. Burbridge.

The Democrats of this political world are generally pleased with the nominations made at St. Louis. Many regard it as the strongest that could possibly have been nominated. The character of the two gentlemen being unassailable.

I met a gentleman who has been traveling along the Colorado River and reports crops rather more backward than here.

Lieutenant O'Connell contemplates a trip to Los Angeles, California, but has not yet decided, whether to go to the Centennial or not.

Company E, 6th Cavalry, returned from their scouting trip July 4th, and report Arizona as being the worst country to scout through in North America.

Company I, 6th Cavalry, have been removed from here to McDowell. Major Chaffee left here with Company property for McDowell.

Captain Porter and Lieutenant Roundy with Company B, arrived here Friday.

The telegraph office will be moved to one of the most inviting buildings in the Garrison the first of next week. Happiness possesses the telegrapher once more, "so mote it be."

Us we and Co., overheard, the following a few nights previous in a remote portion of the Post. It issued from the smiling lips of a young widow, and was spoken in rather a languid like manner. No names are necessary; it ran thusly:

A curious thing is love,
That cometh from above,
And lighteth like a dove,
On some.
And some it never hits,
Unless it gives them fits,
And scatters all their wits,
Oh! hum!

QUILL DRIVER.

How the Declaration Was Written.

For the following interesting facts concerning the Declaration we are indebted to a timely and well written article